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The House met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Ms. GREENE of Utah].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 26, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable ENID GREENE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We remember with gratitude and appreciation, O God, the members of our Armed Forces who serve in our land and in distant places. We recognize their commitment and faithfulness and they are with us in our prayers. On this day we specially remember those who faced violence and death in places of service so many miles from home. We reach out to their families and those they love asking that the power of Your promises and Your abiding strength will be with them in their need. May those whose joy has been turned to sorrow sense our prayers for them and may Your peace be with them, now and evermore. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KLINK] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KLINK led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minute speeches on each side.

IN MEMORY OF D. PRESCOTT GRIFFITHS

(Mr. BARR of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Madam Speaker, D. Prescott Griffiths, known to friends as "Don" or "Grif," was an outstanding example of the American Hero. He lived in Douglasville, in the Seventh District of Georgia, where he recently passed away. Born in New York City during the Great Depression, Don grew up in an atmosphere of family devotion, decency, and service.

Enlistment in the U.S. Army brought him to combat service in Korea, where after being shot down over enemy territory and wounded, it was discovered he had been underage at enlistment in order to serve his country. Later, he was recruited to hold an important post in counterintelligence with the Army C.I.D. in England, and he continued to give honorable service until his retirement. His absolute and complete memory recall made him one of the best counterintelligence agents of the cold war era.

His international and political contacts were legion, and he could always be counted on for encouragement and friendly advice.

Perhaps his memory can best be summed up in his own words. He said:

Life is a slice of time, brief and brutal. It is important to know love, to be loved, and to give love. And that's what it's all about.

To his country, which he deeply loved, D. Prescott Griffiths gave his all. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE BOMB EXPLOSION IN DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

(Mr. MONTGOMERY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the minority leader, Mr. GEPHARDT, who cannot be here this morning, and myself, I wish to express sadness to the families who have lost their loved ones in the bomb explosion in Saudi Arabia. Not only Americans were killed, but others from France and from Great Britain probably were killed or hurt.

Now, Madam Speaker, this has to be a terrorist attack, in my opinion. Who did it, we do not know. But only 7 months ago, a car bomb explosion killed 5 Americans in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. You know, we are really there in these countries for no other reason but to help these people and to bring peace in these areas. Why do these bad people hurt our innocent victims that are only doing their jobs? The President has sent FBI teams to help the Saudis to find out who did this heinous crime.

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